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EIU Panel to Discuss 'Illinois Budget Crisis and the Future of Education'

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Representatives of Eastern Illinois University's administration, faculty and students will discuss "The Illinois Budget Crisis and the Future of Education" on Monday, April 19.

The forum will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the MLK Jr. Union on campus. The public is invited.

Panelists will be EIU President William Perry; Charles Delman, mathematics; Joy Russell, early childhood, elementary and middle level education; Richard Wandling, political science; and Eric Wilber, EIU Student Government. Bailey Young, history, will moderate the panel.

"We are hoping to promote a productive dialogue on campus and in the community on the urgency of budget challenges facing education in Illinois -- from the first-grade classroom through higher education," Wandling said. "The panelists will represent a range of perspectives, from President Perry speaking on the future of EIU to Professor Russell addressing the state of elementary and secondary education."

The panel will offer perspectives on the state's budget crisis relative to education at all levels. The audience will have the opportunity to pose questions and provide input.

The forum is co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate and the EIU chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois.